

ELL Network 2012-13

Agenda & Notes

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The ELL Network is a forum for district personnel responsible for ELL programs and instruction to discuss pertinent issues, share and explore resources, and network with colleagues. These sessions are the primary means of sharing information throughout the ESU 6 Title III Consortium. We welcome all districts and personnel regardless of consortia affiliation.

March 7, 2013

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
ESU 6, Milford, NE

Attendees

Jen Madison, ESU 6
Nancy Rowch, NDE
Salome, Beatrice (I hear, I say)
Marta, Nebraska City (Imagine Learning)
Ashleigh Lange, Nebraska City (Imagine Learning)
Sherry Runnels, Nebraska City (translator)
Kelly Hayes, Dept. of Corrections (Rock N Learn DVDs)
Jenny, Malcolm (Imagine Learning)
Ruth, Norris (Imagine Learning)
Julia, Norris (Daily Oral Vocabulary Exercises, DOVE)
Zach, Crete (REWARDS Plus, Social Studies with level 3 ELLs)
Brenda, Fairbury (Language for Learning/Thinking, Reasoning for Writing, Reading A-Z, English in a Flash, Rosetta Stone)
Jeremy, Fairbury (ESU 6)

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- Welcome, Agenda Overview, Introductions

- This Google doc agenda will also serve as our collaborative note taking space. Please help record ideas, information, and questions in a professional manner. After the meeting, Jen will finalize this document including our notes, and post it at <http://esu6ell.wikispaces.com/ELL+Network>.
- Introduce Yourself & Share a Resource (see above).

- NDE Update (Nancy Rowch)

- 2013-14 Consortia Planning
 - Update the NSSRS to accurately identify new and exited LEP students soon (by early April) to ensure that allocations are accurate.
- See handout linked at <http://esu6ell.wikispaces.com/ELL+Network> called "NDE Update 3-7-13".
 - NDE is releasing a new form to verify consultation with non-publics regarding ELLs. See the wikispace for the form. More information will be provided to district contacts soon.
 - Sequestration (will affect Title programs next school year, will be more extensive for Title 1 than for Title III.)
 - Another helpful resource can be found at <http://ell.stanford.edu/>

- Discussion Topics (participant topics)

- Rosetta Stone
 - Kelly Hayes is looking for DVDs for Levels 1 & 2 (since she can't use internet). Please contact Jen if you are able to help!
- Home Language Survey Questions
 - All students should be given the three questions from Rule 15 upon enrollment.
- Revision of district program guides/manuals/policies
 - The next Rule 10 revision will likely include a check to determine implementation of Rule 15, which will likely focus on the program review.
 - Jen plans to continue offering an annual program review for districts. The one on December 3 focused on program development; future sessions are likely to focus on data analysis.

- Monitoring Visits
 - To find out when your district will be monitored, see NDE <Federal Programs <ESEA/NCLB Information:
http://www.education.ne.gov/federalprograms/ESEA_NCLB_Programs.html
 - Districts in consortia are, for the most part, monitored with their consortium. ESU6 has a visit this year sometime prior to September 30. **Update 3.11.13: The ESU 6 monitoring visit is now scheduled for May 14. Since this is the last week of school for many consortium districts, our NDE reviewer has accepted an invitation to attend part or all of our ELL Network on May 3. Stay tuned for information and data collection!
- ESU 6 Consortium Update
 - 2012-13 Member districts: Auburn Public Schools, Beatrice Public Schools, Centennial Public School, Diller-Odell Public Schools, Dorchester Public Schools, Fairbury Public Schools, Johnson County Central Public Schools, Johnson-Brock Public Schools, Lewiston Consolidated Schools, Malcolm Public Schools, Milford Public Schools, Nebraska City Public Schools, Norris School District 160, Seward Public Schools, Waverly School District 145, Wilber-Clatonia Public Schools, York Public Schools
 - Please submit district ELL policies/manuals following any significant revision.
 - Reimbursement/payment forms can be found at <http://esu6ell.wikispaces.com/Consortium+Information> .
 - For the past few years, ESU 6 (via other funding sources) has subsidized Language Proficiency Screening Assessments (IPT) for area schools to use free of charge. This set of assessments is in need of updating, and ESU 6 can no longer offer this service free of charge. Jen is considering the best option to have materials on hand at-cost or with a subscription method. The TELPA is one of the assessment options being considered. It is aligned to the ELDA; however, ELDA will be in need of update itself within the next few years.
 - PD Opportunities
 - Jen shared that she has been talking with Nick Zeigler of ESU 5 about providing webinar-based professional development for ELL and general education teachers. Discussion among the group revealed concern that general education teachers would not participate unless required to do so; however, this group was interested.
 - NDE is contracting with Jane Hill for statewide opportunities. More information should be available this summer.

- One member suggested the Iowa Culture and Language Conference (ICLC) as a very useful 2 days with an optional 1 day pre-session. Jen reminded everyone that such professional development can very likely be funded with Title III (expenses, meals, registration fees, etc.)
 - Jen asked members to please share ideas for professional development that can be offered for consortium and area districts.
 - **Instructional Study & Discussion**
 - Jen briefly explained that Video Rounds can be a very effective form of professional development. By watching video of classrooms, we can reflect upon our own practice and gather ideas to apply ourselves.
 - We watched a brief video from Colorin Colorado's YouTube Channel: [Teaching vocabulary with digital cameras](#)
 - Jen asked that everyone quietly consider three reflective questions:
 - How did this experience validate what I do?
 - What questions did this experience generate about what I'm doing in my classroom?
 - What's one thing I might try in my classroom?
 - Participants shared their ideas in small groups and highlighted some ideas in the large group. Jen reminded the group that the consortium has four iPod Touch devices that also have cameras. Many photo apps are available to make sharing and captioning easy (e.g., Fotobabble).
 - Jen referenced a few apps and app lists:
 - Hello Hello English (iPad app, free)
 - Free ESL apps: <http://www.squidoo.com/free-esl-apps>
 - ELL Apps: https://connect.mybps.org/groups/bpsoiit/wiki/4a20a/ELL_Apps.html
 - **Next Session:**
 - Jen asked the group about changing the next session date from April 23 to May 3. The group agreed to the change and was excited about having the session in Lincoln. **Update: The session will be at Hy-Vee (50th & O) in Lincoln from 10 am to 2 pm on May 3. A working lunch will be provided.
 - The group dismissed at 4:05 pm.
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